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ffffMitch Albom For One More Day LP 19654

When his mother, Pauline, dies Charles "Chick" Benetto falls into alcoholism. Chick describes the loss of his job and family and his isolation and depression. After his suicide attempt Pauline's ghost takes Chick on a tour of her life as a single mother and heals his broken heart. Bestseller. 2006

Elizabeth Berg, The Handmaid and the Carpenter LP 19655

In this interpretation of the nativity story, Mary and Joseph alternately relate the tale of their teenage romance and betrothal. When Mary becomes mysteriously pregnant before their marriage, Joseph initially repudiates her. Follows the gospel version. 2006

Sandra Brown, Ricochet LP 19634

Detectives Duncan Hatcher and DeeDee Bowen are determined to bring crime lord Robert Savich to justice, even though judge Cato Laird lets him go. They become suspicious of the judge after being called to Laird's home when his wife shoots an intruder. Strong language and some descriptions of sex. 2006

Mary and Carol Higgins Clark, Santa Cruise: A Holiday Mystery at Sea LP 19663

Millionaire Randolph Weed organizes a holiday charity cruise. Invited guests include a writers group, lottery winners Alvirah and Willy Meehan, and private detective Regan Reilly and her husband Jack. Weed's nephew Eric also smuggles aboard two wanted felons who plan to escape once they reach the Caribbean. Bestseller. 2006

Michael Connelly, Echo Park LP 19653

In 1993 Marie Gesto disappeared and Harry Bosch worked the case but couldn't crack it. Now, more than a decade later, Bosch gets a call from the District Attorney. A man accused of two heinous murders is willing to come clean about several others, including the killing of Marie Gesto. Taking the confession of the man Bosch discovers that he missed a clue back in 1993 that could have stopped nine other murders

Patricia Cornwell, At Risk LP 19609

Massachusetts district attorney Monique Lamont sends state police investigator Winston Garano to Knoxville, Tennessee, to learn the latest in crime scene investigation. He's also ordered to solve a twenty-year-old murder that took place there. But another crime occurs back in Cambridge. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2006

Clive Cussler, Skeleton Coast: A Novel of the Oregon Files LP 19644

Captain Juan Cabrillo of the spy ship Oregon rescues a boat under fire off Africa's coast. One passenger, Sloane Macintyre, seeks a shipwreck containing a fortune in stolen diamonds. Juan agrees to help--but someone doesn't want them to find the treasure. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2006

Janet Evanovich, Full Bloom LP 19649

Jamie and Max are getting married at Annie Fortenberry's Peachtree Bed and Breakfast in Beaumont, South Carolina. The plans are going smoothly until a handsome stranger arrives and the body of Annie's missing husband turns up. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2005

Janet Evanovich, Motor Mouth LP 19652

Alexandra "Barney" Barnaby, last seen in Metro Girl (LP018498), and her lover, NASCAR driver Sam Hooker, look for evidence of cheating at the race track. When they steal a car-hauler truck, they discover the body of a murdered race-car owner inside. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2006.

Dick Francis, Under Orders LP 19642

One-armed jockey-turned-private-investigator Sid Halley investigates Internet gambling and possible race fixing for various clients. After jockey Huw Walker is murdered during a race on Cheltenham Gold Cup Day, Sid suspects the homicide is connected to his investigation--especially after Sid's girlfriend is threatened. Bestseller. 2006

Michelle McKinney Hammond, How to Be Blessed and Highly Favored LP 19640

Author and speaker cites Mary, the mother of Jesus, as the only woman in the Bible to be singled out as "blessed and highly favored." By examining the Biblical figure Mary, the mother of Jesus, she shows us how to appeal to God's heart, remain sensitive to His voice, believe Him for the impossible, submit to and rest in His plan, and live before Him with a servant's heart

E. Lynn Harris, I Say a Little Prayer LP 19646

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Former musician Chauncey Greer quit performing during his teenage years when his bisexuality was exposed. Now, almost forty, he returns to church and is inspired to revive his career. When a fundamentalist preacher plans to speak out against homosexuality, Chauncey takes a stand--and a special friend returns. Contains strong language, explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2006

John Jakes, The Gods of Newport LP 19656

1893. Railroad tycoon Sam Driver sets out to conquer the summer resort of Newport, Rhode Island, in order to avenge its snubbing of his dead wife and find a prestigious match for his daughter, Jenny. Sam struggles to conform while fending off the efforts of an old rival to exclude him, while Jenny falls in love with a handsome, lower-class Irishman.

T.D. Jakes, Mama Made the Difference LP 19641

Minister and author reminisces about his mother, a teacher, and the lifelong lessons she imparted. Includes biblical stories about mothers, advice for modern moms, and testimonials from other African Americans including Colin Powell about the importance of parenting. 2006

Stephen King, Lisey's Story LP 19650

Maine. Lisey, the widow of prizewinning author Scott Landon, hears her husband's voice while organizing his papers, caring for her catatonic sister, and avoiding a stalker. Lisey enters Scott's imaginary world of Boo'ya Moon and fights his demons as well as her own. Violence and strong language. Bestseller. 2006

Beverly Lewis, The Revelation: Abram's Daughters; Book 5 LP 19638

Jonas Mast returns to Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and declares his love for Leah Ebersol. But marriage must wait until Jonas confesses before the church and performs his penitence. Meanwhile a new man in town attracts Sadie's attention, and Lydiann joins the Mennonite church. Sequel to The Prodigal (LP018505). 2005

Max Lucado, In the Grip of Grace LP 19659

Essays and reflections that illustrate the strength of the author's faith in the redeeming power of God's grace. Questions whether any sin can separate an individual from divine love or erase any chance of redemption. Emphasizes the belief that it is never too late to accept the gift of forgiveness. 1997

Debbie Macomber, 6 Rainier Drive LP 19637

Cedar Cove, Washington. After the fire in 50 Harbor Street (LP019012), Seth and Justine Gunderson disagree on how to rebuild their restaurant. As the townspeople search for the arsonist, several navy families face relocation, and some romances fizzle as others ignite. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2006

Debbie Macomber, Rainy Day Kisses LP 19647

While Susannah Simmons struggles up the corporate ladder, her neighbor Nate Townsend stays home baking cookies and flying kites. She resent the way he questions her values - and the way he messes up her five-year-plan when she falls in love with him! 1990.

Joyce Meyer, The Confident Woman: Start Living Today Boldly and Without Fear LP 19639

A Christian minister encourages women to overcome their inner fears and live confident lives. Meyer interprets the Bible's view of women in ministry, highlights the characteristics of confident women, and proposes steps to independence. Bestseller. 2006

Fern Michaels, Fool Me Once LP 19636

Virginia pet photographer Olivia Lowell unexpectedly inherits the estate of her mother, Allison, who she thought had died during childbirth. With the help of her pooches and lawyer Jeff Bannerman, Olivia carries out Allison's requests and confronts the past. Some descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2006

Robert B. Parker, Hundred Dollar Baby LP 19648

April Kyle, from Taming a Sea-Horse (LP009257), turns to Boston private investigator Spenser for help when someone tries to muscle in on her high-class bordello. Spenser soon finds out that there is more going on than April led him to believe. Strong language and some violence. Bestseller. 2006

J.D. Robb, Born in Death LP 19662

New York City, 2060. Lieutenant Eve Dallas and her husband Roarke agree to find missing mom-to-be Tandy Willowby for her pregnant friend Mavis Freestone. When high-profile accountants Natalie Copperfield and her fiance are murdered, the two cases become intertwined. Descriptions of sex, violence, and strong language. 2006

Nora Roberts, Dance of the Gods: Circle Trilogy; Book 2 LP 19643

Goddess Morrigan and her assorted allies--Hoyt, Cian, Glenna, Moira, Larkin, and Blair--train in Ireland to battle the vampire Lilith. While Larkin and Blair fall in love, Lilith develops a surprise plan. Sequel to Morrigan's Cross (LP 19635). Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. Bestseller. 2006

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Nora Roberts, Morrigan's Cross: Circle Trilogy; Book 1 LP 19635

Ireland, 1128. Morrigan, the goddess of battle, helps sorcerer Hoyt battle Lilith, a vampire who has destroyed Hoyt's twin brother, Cian. Hoyt travels to modern-day New York to enlist the help of witch Glenna Ward. Strong language, some explicit descriptions of sex, and some violence. Bestseller. 2006

Nora Roberts, Valley of Silence: The Circle Trilogy, Book 3 LP 19657

Moira prepares to assume the throne of Geall and rally her people against the vampire Lilith. As the final battle approaches Moira grows closer to one of her allies in the circle of six--Cian. Sequel to Dance of the Gods (LP019643). Explicit descriptions of sex and violence. Bestseller. 2006.

Ann Rule, No Regrets and Other True Cases: Ann Rule's Crime Files; Volume 11 LP19658
Seven West Coast crimes. "The Sea Captain" recounts the 1981 mysterious disappearance of eighty-year-old marine pilot Rolf Neslund from Lopez Island, Washington. In "A Very Bad Christmas" a woman's and a child's bodies are discovered in the Columbia River. Violence, some descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller. 2006

Margaret Truman, Murder at the Opera: A Capitol Crimes Novel LP 19664

Washington, D.C. A promising young Canadian singer is found murdered backstage at the Kennedy Center. Law professor Mac Smith--an extra in the Washington National Opera's upcoming production of Puccini's Tosca--and his wife, Annabel, investigate. Aided by PI Ray Pawkins the pair uncovers a far-reaching international conspiracy. 2006

Robert James Waller, The Long Night of Winchell Dear LP 19661

Professional gambler Winchell Dear, who won his ranch in a card game, senses trouble brewing: Dear's housekeeper Sonia awaits the arrival of a drug mule, a Comanche squats on Dear's ranch, and two L.A. gangsters circle the property. Some descriptions of sex, some violence, and some strong language. 2006

Stuart Woods, Short Straw LP 19651

New Mexico attorney Ed Eagle, from Santa Fe Rules (LP011221), discovers that his wife, Barbara, has emptied their bank accounts and fled to Mexico. Ed recruits two Pls to help, but Barbara will do anything--even kill--to keep the money. Strong language, some descriptions of sex, and some violence. 2006.

Sherryl Woods, Waking Up in Charleston LP 19645

Widow Amanda O'Leary falls for Lowcountry pastor Caleb Webb after he organizes the building of her home by his congregation. Caleb can count the ways why his attraction to Amanda is wrong. How can he counsel this chin-up spitfire without letting his emotions--and imagination--run wild?

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